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Application Number	10/009,607
Filing Date	November 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masahiro IMOTO
Art Unit	1624
Examiner Name	D R RAO
Attorney Docket Number	100598.50520US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65		Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25		Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
1805 1,840	1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165		Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665		Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240		Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320		Plant issue fee	
Total Claims -20** = x =			Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20		
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		
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